

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendment to the Abstract eliminates the title from the abstract page.

The foregoing amendment to the claims is intended to replace European style claim language with language better suited to U.S. practice and to delete multiple dependencies. The new claims have basis at least in the original claims. Thus, new Claims 19-36 have bases in original Claims 1-18, respectively. New Claims 37-40 are drawn to specific embodiments of the invention encompassed by multiple dependencies in the original claims or indicated as preferred features therein.

It is clear from the foregoing that none of the amendments introduces new matter into the application.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculation of the claims fees and prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date: DECEMBER 23, 2005

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
NORMAN H. STERNO  
Registration No. 22,716

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620